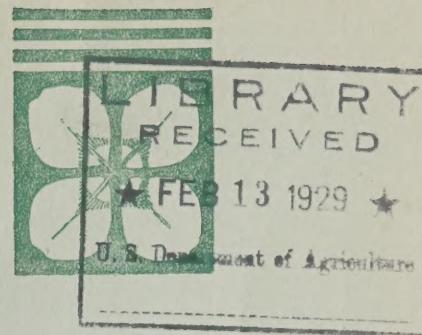


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CLUB WORK



O HELP lift the burden,
Point the better way,
Give vision to toil
And the hope of a better day.

To teach the larger life,
Encourage a soul
To still greater tasks,
A still higher goal.

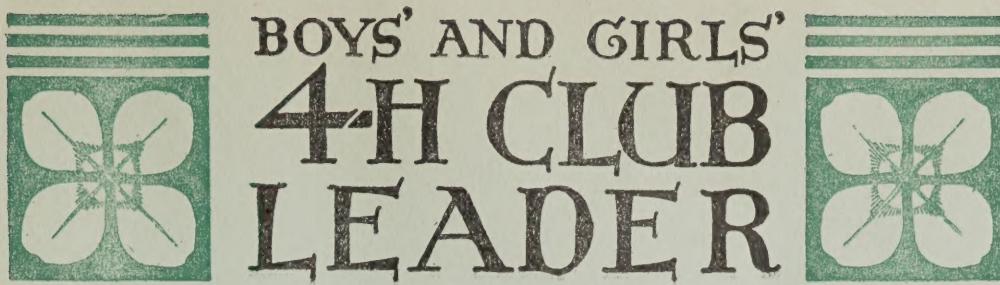
To look beyond the plow,
Teach a man's full part
In community and town,
In assembly and mart.

Club work is training
Of greatest value when
Its goal of achievement
Is the inspiration--the making--of men.

---C.B.S.

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THIRD NATIONAL CLUB CAMP.



South Dakota comes along with the announcement that Chester Gullickson, Bath; Carol Clark, Worthing; Theodore Larson, Platte; and Jessie Bannerman, Edgemont; will attend the National Club Camp which is to be held at Washington, D. C., June 19 to 25, inclusive.

There were 39 States represented at the camp in 1928. Reports from the States indicate that three or four new States will be in attendance this year. The Department committee is working on plans and programs for a better camp for 1929.

POULTRY

In the 4-H club department at the Madison Square Garden Poultry Show, which was held January 16 to 20, at New York City, boys and girls exhibited 73 pens of the 4-H brand of birds. North Carolina, exhibiting 42 birds, won first in the club department and carried home from the show 37 firsts, 3 seconds, and 1 third. Some of these ribbons were won in the open classes, competing against birds shown by the best poultry breeders in the United States.

The 4-H judging contest, which has been a feature of the show for several years, was again won by Virginia. The team was composed of two girls and one boy, Gladys Newman, Flintville; Grace White, Harrisonburg; and Wiley Weaver, Abingdon. Wiley Weaver was also high individual in the contest. Maryland and Virginia placed second and third, respectively.

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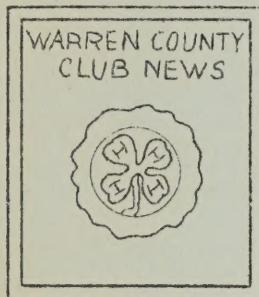
Here is Alleghany County, Va., claiming the distinction of having put on the largest poultry show ever put on by club members in any county. The show was held at Clifton Forge, November 3, and was unusual, it is said, not only in the number exhibited but in the quality and size of the birds. Six hundred and fourteen birds were exhibited in breeding pens and singles and represented the three breeds most popular in the county--Rhode Island Reds, Barred Plymouth Rocks, and White Leghorns.

This show was the culmination of a piece of work which was sponsored by the Clifton Forge Chamber of Commerce and carried out by Lou Hamilton, county home demonstration agent. In the spring, the Chamber of Commerce bought \$1,200 worth of baby chicks and gave 25 chicks to each club member with the hope of getting the whole county interested in standard-bred poultry. The only return asked was a good poultry show in the fall, and reports indicate that there was no disappointment along this line. In fact, one member who finished 100 per cent, had all 25 birds on display.

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PRINTERS' INK

"Wyoming 4-H Club News," is the name of the new publication being distributed by the State office, beginning October, 1928. It carries timely news of club importance and in the department, "Here and There with Club Folks in Wyoming," tells of interesting things which certain clubs and individual club members are doing. This news-letter, in addition to being sent to club leaders and county extension agents, is mailed to each county newspaper in Wyoming.



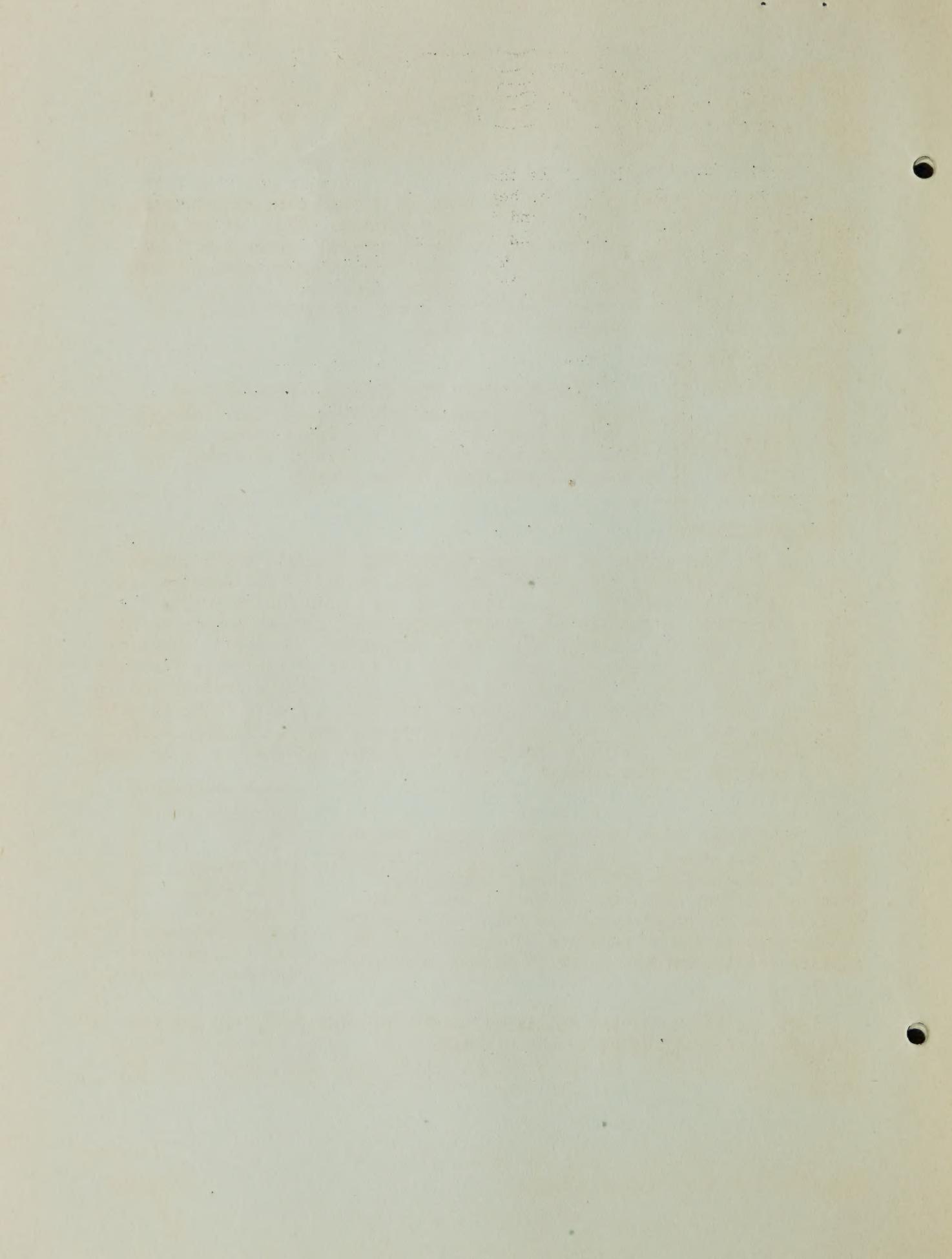
Warren County Club News for November and December, published at Belvidere, N. J., although in mimeographed form, has a printed cover. This paper gives news relating to dairy, forestry, and home-economics clubs in the county.

The New Year number of the Cass County Club Journal, North Dakota, sets forth an offer to make up for each club, copies of its program, to be furnished each member. The secretary of each club desiring this service is asked to furnish the county office with information as to the date of each monthly meeting, topic to be discussed each month, names of chairmen of meetings for each month, names of hosts or hostesses for each month, and the names of officers and members, with correct post-office addresses. "The program will be typed and will have a pretty cover on which is lettered the name of your club," announces the paper. No more forgetting where and when the next meeting is to be held and what is to be done at the meeting, in Cass County!

Orpha Cole, home demonstration agent, Volusia County, Fla., sends a copy of the Christmas number of "The Volusia Club Girl," issued quarterly, which was edited this time by the De Land Club. Each of the 250 copies sent out had a cover design which included three hand-painted poinsettias. The edition itself was made up of 16 mimeographed pages.



Vol. 1, No. 3, of the "Stutsman County 4-H Club News," is another news sheet recently added to the exchange list. It is published monthly at Jamestown, N. Dak., by the Stutsman County boys' and girls' club organization.



PRINTERS' INK (continued)

Martha L. Eder, district extension agent, began the New Year right by publishing the first edition of "4-H Club News" for the north central district, Nevada, with the aid of reporters from several of the clubs. The announcement as published, telling all about the paper, follows: "The Four-H Club News will be issued once a month and will give the news of the 4-H clubs of the north central district. The north central district includes White Pine, Lander, and Eureka Counties. The 4-H club leaders, parents, and anyone interested are invited to send articles for publication. The January issue is a get-acquainted issue, and all available information of the 4-H clubs will be given."

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How South Dakota tells its enrollment story, as taken from the January "4-H Club Doings":

Enrollments in livestock and poultry due February 1.

Last year there were 3,505 enrollments on January 1.

4-H
ENROLLMETER
January 1, 1929

Home Activities
Clothing..... 2,530
Foods..... 911
Canning..... 155
Room improvement..... 75
Total..... 3,671

Month: 6 7 8

Season: 4 3 7 8

Farm Activities
Baby beef..... 213
Sow litter..... 191
Sheep..... 54
Dairy..... 127
Poultry..... 86
Bee..... 5
Corn..... 24
Garden..... 3
Total..... 703

The remainder of the page lists enrollments in projects by counties, having a column for farm activities and a column for home activities, the totals being those seen above.

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HOW TENNESSEE IS GOING TO BRING UP ITS ENROLLMENT. ****Several clubs have made out complete lists of all farm boys and girls in their communities and are going out to enroll every one. Club leaders in most places have determined to increase their rolls. Older boys and girls are taking more responsibility in assisting the younger members. With this excellent situation, it is practical to increase our membership to 30,000 in 1929. But one thing above all others should be kept in mind. The increase is not wanted for the sole purpose of having a large number. Let every new member know what is expected of him."

----The Tennessee 4-H Club Leader, December, 1928.

1870-1871. - 1871-1872. - 1872-1873. - 1873-1874.

1874-1875. - 1875-1876. - 1876-1877.

1877-1878. - 1878-1879. - 1879-1880.

PRINTERS' INK (continued)

"THE PURPOSE OF CLUB WORK: The primary purpose of 4-H club work is to help rural young people----

1. Realize upon the opportunities around them now that they may be better citizens.
2. Test their fitness for farm life that only those who like farming shall engage in agriculture.
3. Prepare for their future work through doing well the task at hand today.
4. Learn to cooperate through a work and play program which they plan largely themselves.
5. Develop their leadership ability through tasks assumed in keeping with their abilities for the service of others.
6. Demonstrate better practices on the farm and in the home."

-----Connecticut Four-Leaf Clover, January, 1929.

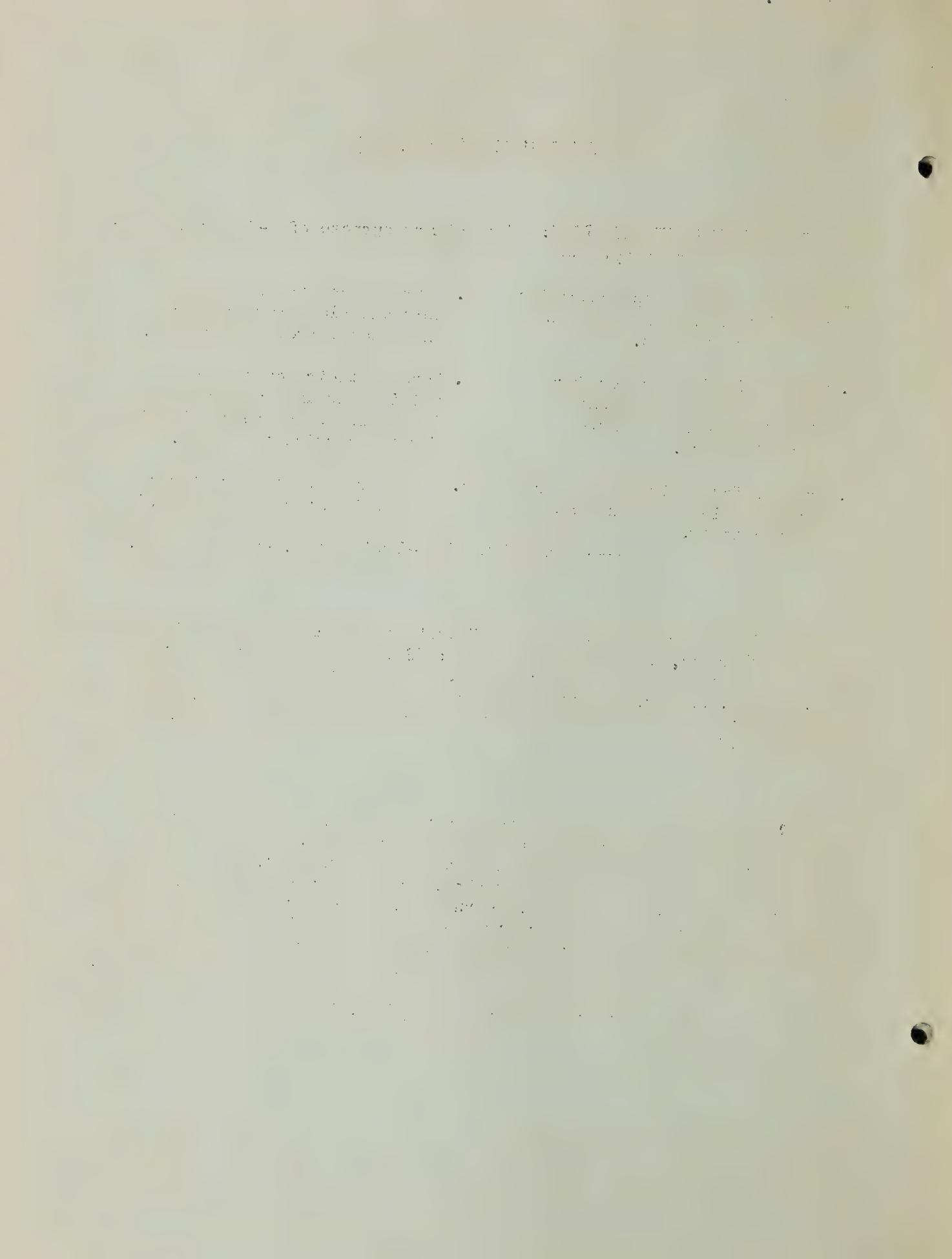
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The January "Pennsylvania Club News," in summing up the 1928 State potato club records, reports as follows: "Seventeen boys grew over 400 bushels of potatoes on a measured acre. Last year but seven made this goal. Lee R. Miller, an acre potato club member of Union County grew the most potatoes ever produced on a measured acre in Union County---525 bushels."

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"During the past few weeks there have been many contests for club members in community, county, and State fair events. We are proud of the winners and their achievements in all these contests, but many times boys and girls who fail to get a ribbon, or to win a place on a judging or demonstration team, get more, learn more, do better, feel better, and are better than one who has had more favorable conditions to work in and has gained the coveted ribbons or honors. We are for all of them who can 'win without bragging and lose without squealing' and profit thereby."

-----Wyoming 4-H Club News, October, 1928.





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coln
County,
Wyo.,
says county
agent

S. B. Murray,
has produced its
second ton litter.

The first litter was
produced in 1927 by an
adult farmer whose 11 hogs
made a total weight of 2,064
pounds. The second litter,
produced in 1928, was owned
by Don and Lathan Nield. These
boys are members of the Afton Pure-
bred Pig Club. In 180 days, they made
their 10 purebred Poland Chinas weigh
a total of 2,225 pounds at a cost of \$84.
The hogs were sold for 8 cents per pound,
or \$178, leaving the boys a profit of \$94.

In the Minnesota ton-litter contest in 1928, the first six places went to 4-H club boys, reports T. A. Erickson, State club leader. Twenty of the thirty litters were raised by 4-H club members. First honors went to Arthur Bohnsack, of Scott County. His 14 purebred Chester Whites weighed 3,280 pounds, or an average per pig of about 234 pounds. Juel Stephenson, of Otter Tail County, was second with 16 purebred Duroc Jerseys weighing 3,082 pounds. Gilbert Holstein, Redwood County, was third, his 12 grade Duroc Jerseys weighing 2,972 pounds. The next three winners were Ralph Horstman, Nobles County, 2,850 pounds of pork; Weir Langford, Pipestone County, 2,800 pounds; Walter Scharf, Scott County, 2,765 pounds.

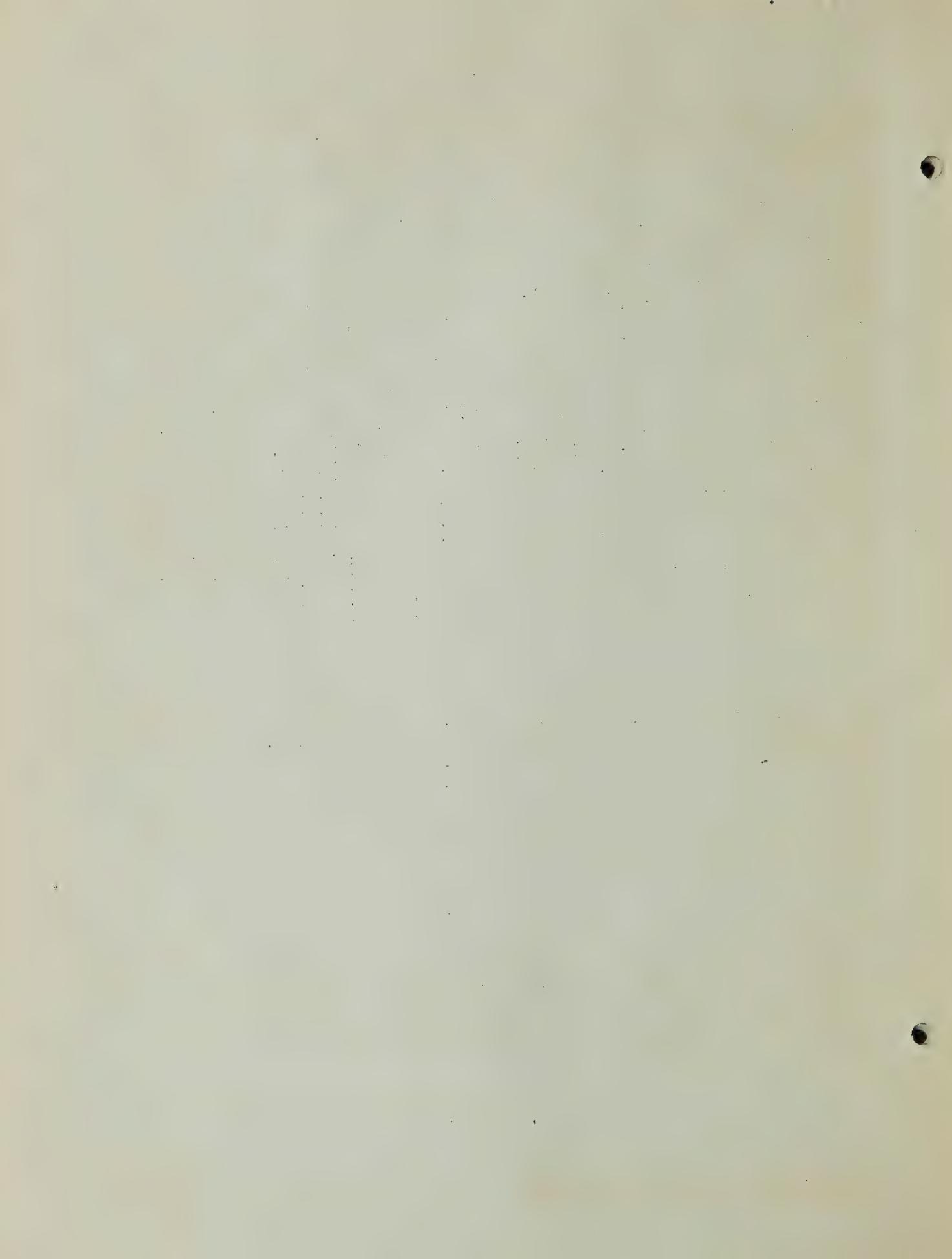
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Chester Gullickson, of Bath, S. Dak., a sow-litter club member for five years, made a profit of \$545.69 in 1928, reports H. M. Jones, State club leader. His prizes amounted to \$197. His sow farrowed 17 pigs, and he raised 11 of them. They weighed 2,241 pounds at 187 days. In addition to this achievement, he has taken an active part in the work of his club and in helping new members. Chester, you may remember, is one of the South Dakota delegation which will attend the National Club Camp at Washington, D. C., in June.

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The up-and-coming Albion Dress-Well Club of northern Rhode Island, made up of girls in that fast-growing "teen age," has found a way to overcome the disheartening feeling which attends the taking out and looking over of last summer's dresses and finding that they have been outgrown during the winter months. They dye 'em darker colors so that they will be suitable for winter wear.

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S C H O L A R S H I P S

The Lake Home Demonstration Scholarship, which is offered every odd year to Arkansas 4-H club girls who want to become home demonstration agents, has been awarded to Wilma Scott, of Berryville. The scholarship is a gift of \$1,000 to cover four years of preparation in the home-economics department of the University of Arkansas, College of Agriculture. Entrants must have the following qualifications: A record of club work of three years or more; knowledge of farm life; ability and willingness to work and capacity for leadership; good scholastic record in high school; knowledge of how to study and to get the most possible good from four years in the university; and desire to be a home demonstration agent when prepared. This scholarship is awarded by Mrs. W. F. Lake, chairman of the department of American homes of Arkansas Federation of Women's Clubs, in honor of her mother. Several club girls who graduated from high school in 1928 are already entered in the 1929 contest.

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Mildred Sailor, of Eyota, Minn., and Bertle Stensrud, of Byron, were the winners in 1928 of the \$100 scholarships given by the Olmsted County Bankers' Association for records as outstanding club members over a period of years. They are both students at the Minnesota Agricultural College. Mildred Schenck, assistant State club agent, who sent in the stories of the winners, says: "I believe that the \$100 scholarship is one of the largest given in the State. We hope this year to have more of these scholarships given, as the boys and girls appreciate them more than any other kind of prize."

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S. S. Mathison, county agricultural agent, Sheboygan Falls, Wis., reports that Robert Goetsch of Glenbeulah, was the winner in 1928 of the \$100 scholarship given by the Kiwanis Club of Sheboygan, Wis., to an outstanding club member old enough to attend the five-week agricultural short course at Madison.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GOVERNOR CAULFIELD OF MISSOURI

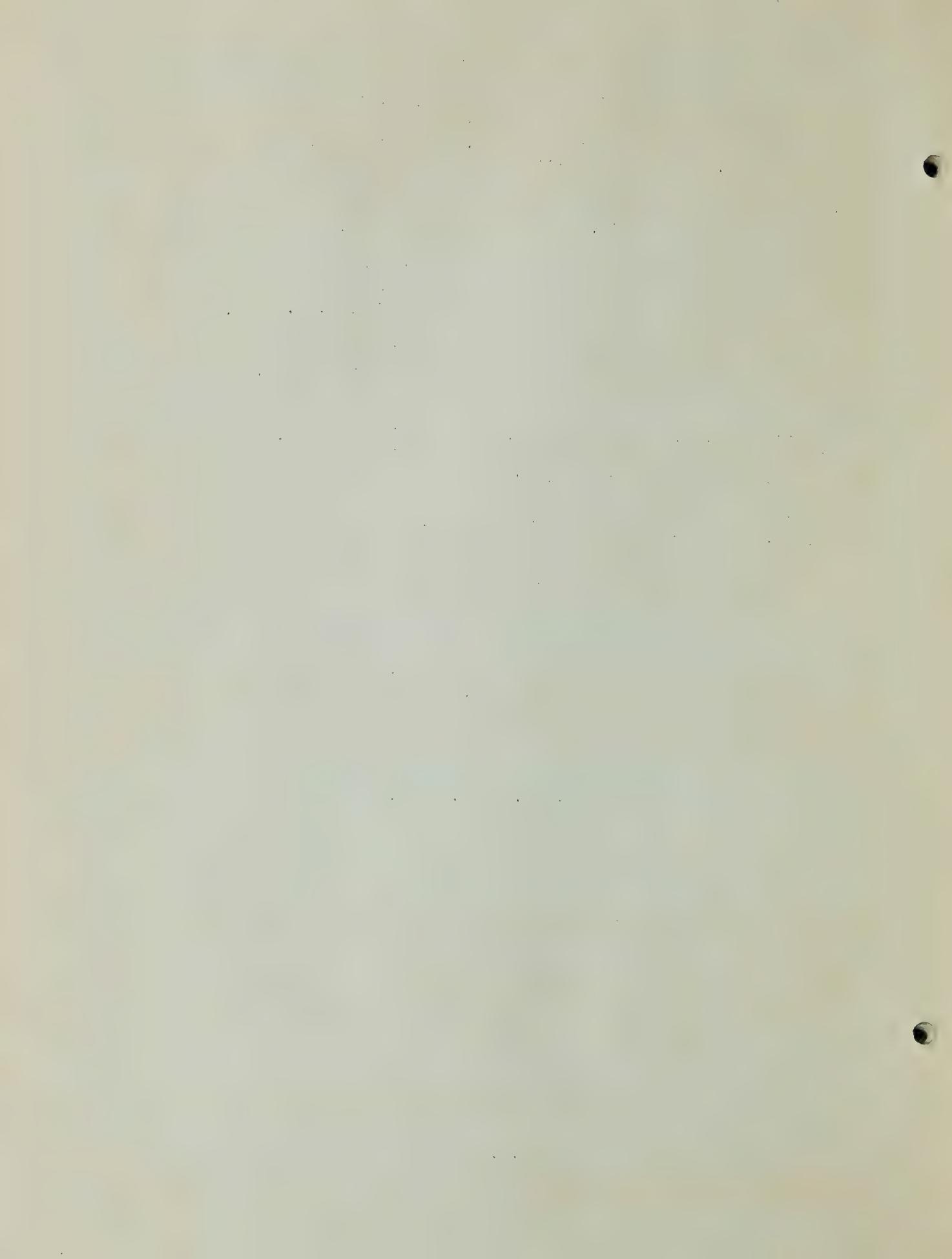
"The work of the 4-H clubs, sponsored by the Federal and State agricultural agencies, has become an important factor in the training of farm boys and girls and should be strengthened and continued."

---(From inaugural address of Governor Henry S. Caulfield, Jefferson City, Mo.)

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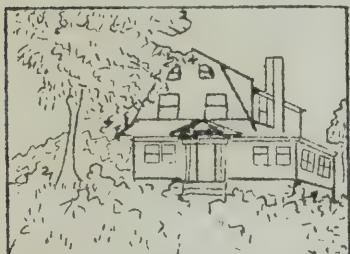
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FORMER CLUB MEMBERS

H. F. Ainsworth, assistant State club leader, Indiana, writes that 100 Purdue University students who were former 4-H club members held a hard-times party at which talks were made by members of the club staff and a program of music and games was enjoyed.



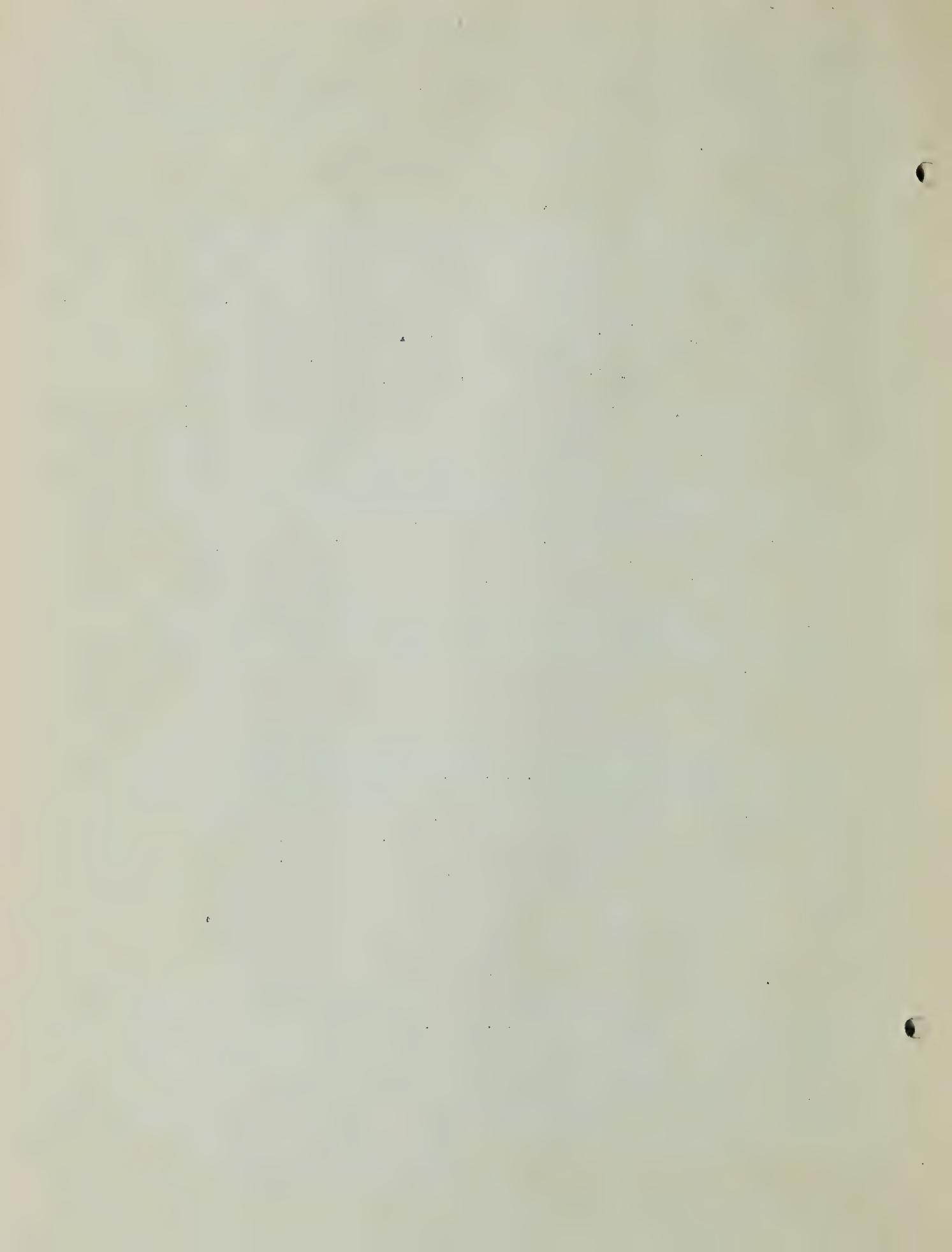
This is the House that
Club Profits Built

Erwin Kelsey, of Middletown, Conn., is the first 4-H club member who has come to the attention of your CLUB LEADER as having built a house from club-earned profits. Erwin and Grace White, of Durham, a former club member, were married last fall, and they began housekeeping in this new home.

A former club boy who is demonstrating the practices he learned in club work is George Davaz of Pend Oreille County, Wash. He threshed over 100 bushels of Ridit wheat from 2 acres in 1928 and grew Markton oats that yielded over 50 bushels per acre.

H. Ford Mercer, who was the first winner of the Moses Leadership Trophy, with about 10 years of 4-H club work to his credit in the State of Oklahoma, has been appointed assistant State club agent in Oklahoma, effective February 1.

T. L. Bewick, State club leader, Wisconsin, tells of Bruce Carter, county club agent, Marinette, Wis., who, Mr. Bewick says, put on an ideal achievement-day program in the fall. In addition to a banquet at which achievement pins were awarded to all who finished the job, a review of the year's accomplishments was graphically presented in each project. The girls served the food and presented a style revue of the sewing work while the boys put up exhibits and gave a demonstration of the work accomplished during the year. The program covered a full day.



MISCELLANEOUS

Major Waller, of Yazoo County, Miss., drives a school truck 5 miles to a consolidated school. Recently he decided that the truck needed a new coat so he painted it green and white, with the name of the school on each side. On the back is a large 4-leaf clover with an "H" in the center of each leaf and the motto "To Make the Best Better," around the leaf. Major is leader of the boys' and girls' club at Edgewood School. He is a cotton-club member, and he has represented Mississippi at the leaders' training school at Springfield, Mass.

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The 4-H Jungle Joy Club of Kitsap County, Wash., is composed of rural boys and girls who study the history, habits, and uses of native plants and shrubs as found in and about the great forests of the Puget Sound country. G. N. Worden, county agricultural agent, says: "Beautification of the home grounds and a true appreciation of and respect for our native plants, together with the widest possible spread of their benefits are among its aims."

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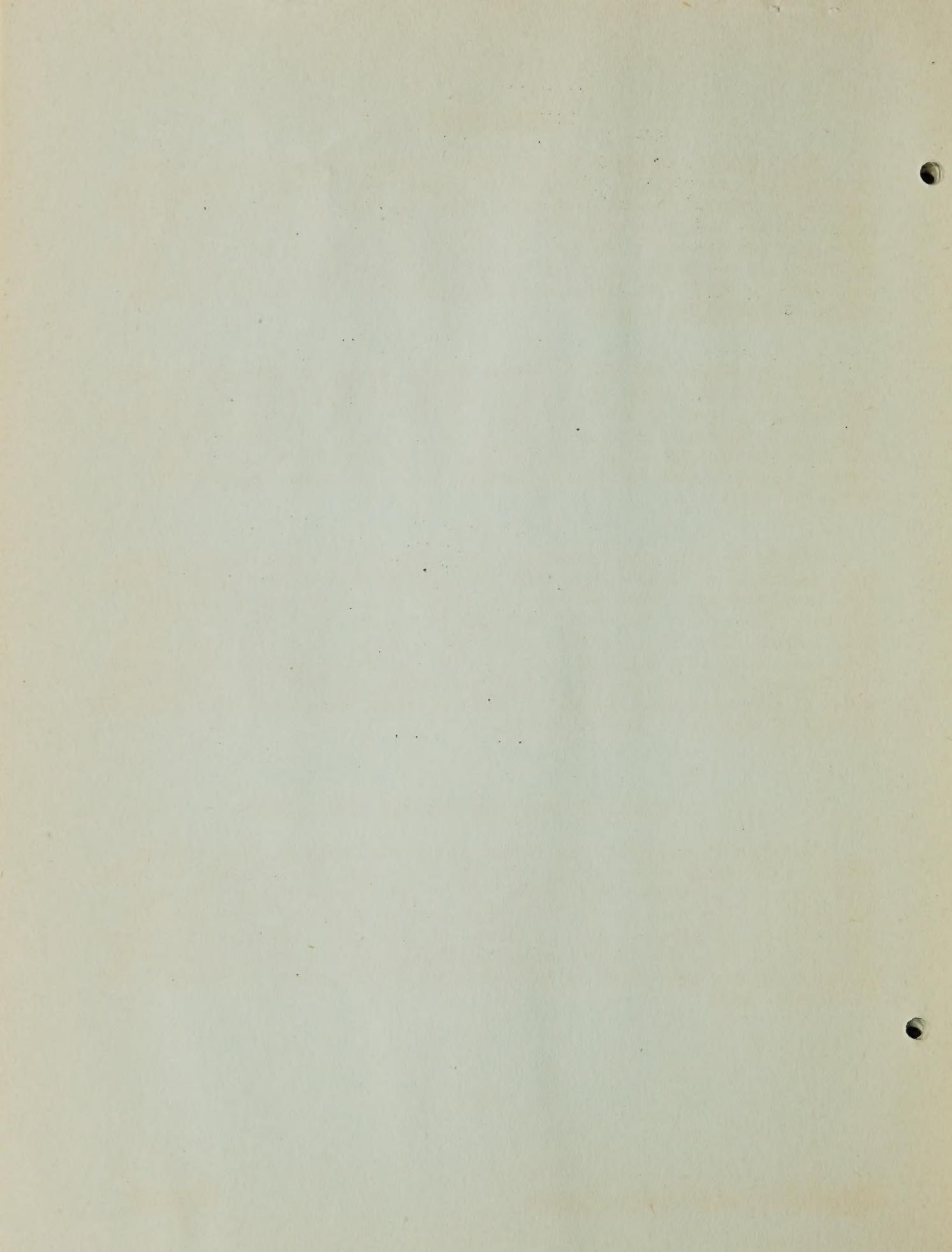
Within the last year, Homer and Elmer Sawyer, of Latah County, Idaho, have purchased a 110-acre farm with the proceeds from their livestock which they have made since they took up club work. They have been progressing steadily since 1922. The boys' winnings that year, which was their first fair season, amounted to only a second and a third. Each year since then they have shown both hogs and cattle at the Interstate Fair at Spokane and the Whitman-Latah County fair at Garfield, Wash. In 1928 the combined winnings of these brothers amounted to \$422 at these fairs where they exhibited 15 head of hogs and 7 head of cattle.

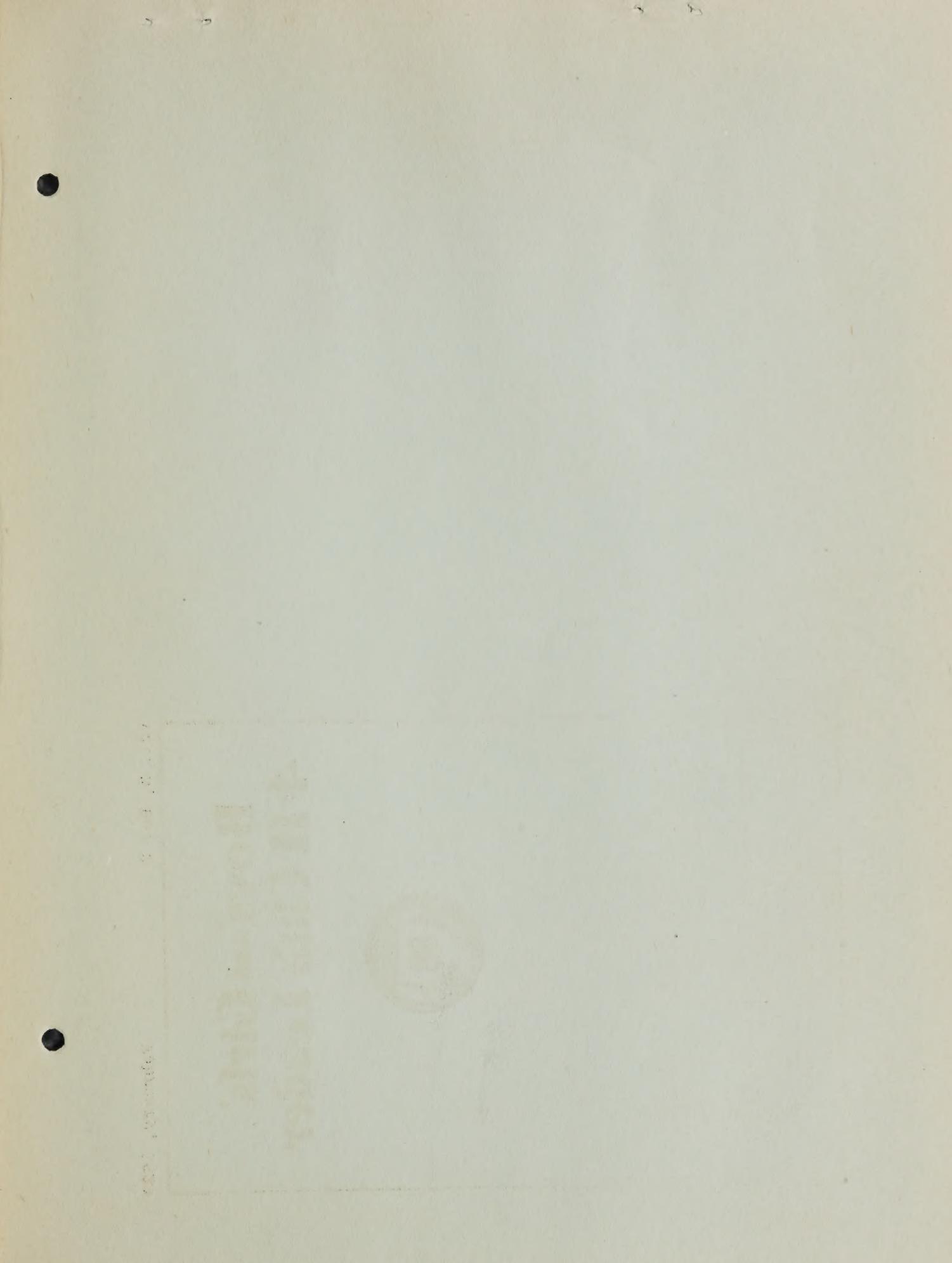
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GROWTH OF MUSIC APPRECIATION WORK IN IOWA

Josephine E. Arnquist, who steers girls' club work in Iowa, writes: "****the first music-appreciation work was done among our 4-H girls in 1920. Last June, at the State short course, 86 of the 99 counties in Iowa sent delegates to take part in the State music memory contest." Miss Arnquist sends out to leaders each year as an aid in this work a mimeographed bulletin entitled "Iowa 4-H Music Recognition Selections," which is prepared by Fannie Buchanan, well known in all 4-H clubs for her songs, "Dreaming," and "A Plowing Song."

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